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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, add --This application is a continuation-in-part of the United States patent application entitled NATURAL LANGUAGE INPUT METHOD AND APPARATUS, filed October 26, 2000 by Nicholas David Fortescue and Robert Alexander Keiller.--